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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PLOS ENRG TS YL IT

SUBJECT: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE

REF: ROME 5802

1. INFORMATION REPEATED FROM US NAVY SOURCES IN TUNIS 2271

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APPARENTLY IN ERROR, ACCORDING TO RECENT MESSAGE FROM
CINCUSNAVEUR (051811Z APR 77). SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES INDICATE
SCARABEO IV IS STILL ON SITE.

2. LINE BEING TAKEN BY GOI THAT RESOLVING BOUNDARY DISPUTE
IS A PROBLEM BETWEEN TUNISIA AND LIBYA AND THAT GOT BEING AS
INTRANSIGNET AS LARG NOT LIKELY IMPRESS TUNISIANS.

THEY WILL ARGUE THAT ITALIANS BEING DISINGENUOUS, SINCE WITHOUT ANY NOTICE TO GOT THEY BEGAN DRILLING AT SITE WHICH THEY KNEW CLAIMED BY TUNISIANS (AND ACCORDING REFTEL GOI RECOGNIZES STRENGTH OF TUNISIAN CASE); AND FURTHERMORE SPOT WHERE THEY ARE DRILLING ON BEHALF OF LIBYA WITHIN CONCESSION GRANTED BY TUNISIA TO CONSORTIUM INCLUDING SAME ITALIAN FIRM.

3. ON OTHER HAND, TUNISIANS CAN ALMOST ALWAYS BE COUNTED ON TO TAKE PRAGMATIC APPROACH; AND PRESS CONTINUES TO DWELL ON POSSIBILITY THAT ALGERIAN/ITALIAN PIPELINE ACROSS TUNISIA BY NO MEANS DEAD. THIS VIEW NOW BEING VOICED BY POWERFUL MINISTER OF INTERIOR TAHAR BELKHODJA, WHO HAS ALWAYS HAD KEY ROLE IN DEALING WITH ALGERIANS AND LIBYANS.

4. FOR VALLETTA: WE UNDERSTAND FROM VISIT OUR ECONOMIC OFFICER TO VALLETTA RECENTLY THAT SOME OF OUR TRAFFIC ON CONTINENTAL SHELF MATTERS MAY BE OF MORE INTEREST TO YOU THAN WE HAD REALIZED. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO INCLUDE VALLETTA ON SIGNIFICANT MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT, UNLESS YOU ADVISE THIS WOULD OVERLOAD YOUR CIRCUITS.

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